



INTERVIEW ALERT:

JUDICIAL COUNCIL TO APPROVE NEW CRIMINAL JURY INSTRUCTIONS

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WHAT: The Judicial Council of California is expected to adopt new “plain English” criminal juror instructions. Interviews are available with the Chief Justice and task force members.

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